

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0144468 issued to Northcutt et al. Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Northcutt in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0259642 issued to Du et al. Claims 4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Northcutt. The Examiner states that Claims 9-21 are substantially similar to claims 1-8 and stand rejected accordingly.

The Examiner states that the switch 71 in Figure 10 of Northcutt is a PCIE switch as recited by Claim 1. Applicant respectively points out that the switch 71 receives output of an audio Codec 84, not output from a PCI Express interface as recited by Claim 1. Comparison with Applicant's Figure 1 illustrates that the switch 71 of Northcutt switches analog information, not PCI Express formatted information. Accordingly, Northcutt cannot anticipate Claim 1. Applicant cannot reply with greater specificity to the rejections of Claims 9-21 since the Examiner did not provide a specific rejection of these claims.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees which may be necessary and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502264.

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